

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 20th, 2024

News from the IRTS

HF newsreaders are currently sought to expand our existing panel, providing the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m news bulletins. The role involves minimal effort, requires no previous experience, and offers an enjoyable way to give back to our community. Additionally, the IRTS news team is considering the reintroduction of a weekly EI0IRTS news bulletin using Morse code. This was once a popular service and with a growing interest in this area of the hobby, we are putting out a call for your feedback to gauge the level of interest in participating.

If any licensed IRTS member residing in EI is interested in joining the IRTS newsreaders panel or participating in the potential weekly Morse bulletin, please contact the IRTS News Coordinator, Seany EI2HQB, by phone on 083 4713001 or via email at [irts_pro /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_pro@irts.ie) for further information.

The IRTS Examination Board would like to remind those that have not yet registered for the next HAREC examination, that the examination will be held on the 16th of November 2024.

The location for the exam is the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, County Dublin, K67 X3H5. The doors will open from 10.30 a.m. for registration and the exam itself will commence at 11 a.m. sharp. The exam is two hours long and finishes at 1 p.m. The closing date for applications is Thursday the 7th of November. As there are a limited number of places, anyone wishing to sit the exam should forward their application along with the appropriate fee. The application form and the payment details can be found at www.irts.ie/exams You can also contact Mick EI6IKB by email at [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie) if you have any other queries about the exam or its location.

National Short Wave Listeners Club HAREC Course - Class Hotel Starting Soon

The National Shortwave Listeners Club reminds everyone that their HAREC course, Class Hotel, will commence in less than two weeks, on the 7th of November 2024. With over 20 students already registered, those interested are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. The course will take place every Thursday via Zoom and will conclude on the 8th of May 2025. To enrol, visit swl.ie and join the NSWLC. Membership is free for current IRTS members. Further details can be found at www.swl.ie

VHF/Microwave News

The frequency for the 2m FM simplex net each Thursday night has been changed to

145.300MHz. Everyone is very welcome to join in with all the net activity from 8 p.m.

VHF/microwave co-managers Keith EI5IN and Dennis EI4KH welcome input and ideas regarding VHF and above in EI. Interest is also being sought regarding regular activity evenings on the bands above 30 MHz. You can contact them via email to [vhf_manager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:vhf_manager@irts.ie).

IRTS 80m Evening Counties Log Submission Deadline

For those who took part in the recent IRTS 80m Counties contest, please note that the deadline for contest log submissions is next Tuesday the 22nd of October. Logs should be submitted via email to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie). You can also contact contest manager Mark EI6JK anytime via email who is very willing to help anyone with logging programs for contests.

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX Nets

Shannon Basin Radio Club's 80m SSB DX net continues again at 9 p.m. local time on Thursday night next on 3.770 MHz plus or minus QRM. The club's topband SSB DX net will recommence on Thursday night, the 31st of October from 9 p.m. The nets will then alternate between topband and 80m each Thursday night after that date. All are very welcome to join in including SWLs. Further information may be found at www.sbrc.ie or via the club's social media channels.

Upcoming UKIECC 80m Contest

The next UK and Ireland Contest Club (UKIECC) event in their 2024-2025 series of 80m contests is on Wednesday the 30th of October 2024 at 20:00 UTC using CW. The EI5G bonus station will be operated by Joe EI7GY. The GM5GEI bonus station will be operated by Chris GM3WOJ. Further information is available at www.ukiecc.com

Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Annual Radio Rally

The 2024 Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club Annual Radio Rally takes place on Sunday the 3rd of November at The Showgrounds, Rathmore Road, BT49 0DF, Limavady. Doors open at 11 a.m. This year's rally is in support of the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. Further information may be found at bushvalleyarc.org.

IARU Ham Challenge 2024

The International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 is inviting you to come with a game-changing idea, which increases awareness of amateur radio. They are looking for your cool idea or project which you think is part of the future of amateur radio. Licensed radio amateurs and non-licensees are invited to take part as individuals or as a team. Participants can be from any age, and you are encouraged to consider your local radio club, a school

team, scouts, a youth group, a group of friends, or your family. The deadline to submit your ideas is the 1st of November 2024. You can find out more about this at www.iarur1.org/hamchallenge

Items for Inclusion in Next Week s Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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